

named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17 (i)."

Applicants with review this when claims are allowed.

Please advise the undersigned as soon as possible if there are any problems.

REMARKS

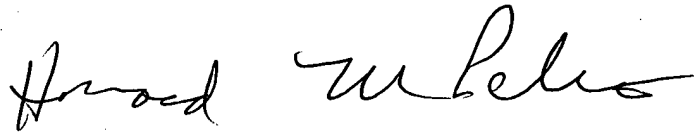
Applicants argue that the 4 groups listed by the Examiner are all part of the same invention. One U.S. patent should issue for all claims. The public good is not served by multiple U.S. patents. However to advance the prosecution, Applicants elect Group I to the factor and compositions thereof - with traverse.

SUMMARY

If additional fees are required for the filing of this document, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1331.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 23, 2003



Howard M. Peters (Reg. No. 29,202)

Attorney of Record

PETERS, VERNY, JONES & SCHMITT, LLP

385 Sherman Avenue, Suite 6

Palo Alto, CA 94306

Telephone: (650) 324-1677

Facsimile: (650) 324-1678

Attorney Docket No. 479.58-6

Customer No.: 23308

HMP:jia

f:\hmp\479.58-6\restriction1